

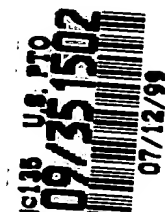
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FOR MAKING SAME



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Exhibits A-G (also filed in the great-grandparent application Serial No. 08/129,671, filed 09/30/93)

Photographs of General Motors GM300 station wagon quarter window having a hinged vent, on sale or used by others in U.S.A. more than one year prior to September 30, 1993.

Exhibit A: is a photograph of the entire station wagon quarter window assembly.

Exhibit B: is a close-up of the vent window in the left-hand end of the window shown in Exhibit A.

Exhibit C: illustrates the hinge assemblies interconnecting the vent window to the frame structure of the quarter panel window assembly. This photograph is taken generally along the plane of the vent window.

Exhibit D: is a close-up of one of the hinges shown in Exhibit C. Note that the flange of the hinge bonded to the window does not include any standoffs to space the flange from the window panel.

Exhibit E: is an oblique shot of one-half of the hinge adhered to the vent window. Note in this photograph that the flange of the hinge does not contain any

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perforations, nor does it appear that two adhesives are used to bond the flange to the window panel.

Exhibits F and G: are taken generally at a right angle to that shown in Exhibit E, and better illustrates the absence of perforations, standoffs, or two adhesives to bond the hinge to the window panel.

The flange of the hinge is 2.375 inches long by .4375 inches wide, resulting in a surface area of 1.04 square inch in contact or adhered to the vent window. The vent window has a height of approximately 17.75 inches and a base length of approximately 11.375 inches resulting in a surface area less than about 100.95 square inches.

In addition, a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language documents submitted herewith is provided by the search report from the counterpart European patent application which indicates the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office for the above-indicated references. That search report copy is also in the great-grandparent application Serial No. 08/129,671, filed 09/30/93.

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